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1. GUIRINGAUD, THE ELYSEE HAS ANNOUNCED IN A COMMUNIQUE, REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF SEPT 14 ON FRENCH PREPARATIONS FOR THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. THE TASK OF THE CONFERENCE, GUIRINGAUD IS QUOTED AS HAVING TOLD THE COUNCIL, WILL BE TO

UNDERTAKE A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VUES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT AS WELL AS OF MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN DETENTE.

- 2. THE COUNCIL THEN DEFINED FRANCE'S POSITION AT BELGRADE. SPECIFICALLY, THE COMMUNIQUE CONTINUES, FRANCE WILL SEEK TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS ON THE IMPLEMENT-ATION OF THE FINAL ACT COVER ALL SUBJECTS TREATED BY THAT DOCUMENT SO THAT AN OBJECTIVE AND DETAILED ASSESSMENT CAN BE MADE WHICH IS NEITHER COMPLAISANT NOR POLEMICAL. FRANCE WILL ALSO FEEL FREE TO CONTRIBUTE SUGGESTIONS TO STRENGTHEN DETENTE, REGARDING WHICH SHE WILL DISPLAY A COOPERATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE.
- 3. THE COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDES THAT GISCARD REAFFIRMED FRANCE'S ATTACHMENT TO DETENTE. FRANCE WILL BE WATCHFUL THAT ITS CONTENT BE POSITIVE IN ALL DOMAINS.
- 4. COMMENT: THE COMMUNIQUE, INTENDED AS THE FRENCH DELEGATIONS PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS, EVIDENTLY BREAKS NO NEW GROUND. IT IS, HOWEVER, A FINELY NUANCED RESTATEMENT OF THE ESSENTIAL FRENCH VIEW OF BELGRADE. HARLAN

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